H. R. 4199

To require that Federal prisoners obtain a General Equivalency Degree before receiving credit toward service of sentence.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 1994

Mr. Franks of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Inmate Rehabilitation
- 5 Act of 1994".
- 6 SEC. 2. EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY RELEASE.
- 7 Section 3624(b) of title 18, United States Code, is
- 8 amended—
- 9 (1) by inserting "(1)" after "Behavior.—";

- 1 (2) by striking "Such credit toward service of 2 sentence vests at the time that it is received. Credit 3 that has vested may not later be withdrawn, and 4 credit that has not been earned may not later be 5 granted." and inserting "Credit that has not been 6 earned may not later be granted."; and
- 7 (3) by adding at the end the following:
- 8 "(2) Credit toward a prisoner's service of sentence 9 shall not be vested unless the prisoner has earned a high 10 school diploma or an equivalent degree.
- "(3) The Attorney General shall ensure that the Bureau of Prisons has in effect an optional General Educational Development program for inmates who have not earned a high school diploma or its equivalent.".

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